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**Jesse White
Secretary of State**



Dear Friends:

My office offers antique vehicle license plates to Illinois motorists whose interest in American history is shown through the vehicles they value and preserve.

Applying for antique plates is as easy as submitting the appropriate license plate application and fee, along with a statement verifying the use and condition of the vehicle. This brochure provides information on eligibility requirements and answers questions you may have on how to purchase antique vehicle plates.

Keep in mind that antique vanity and personalized plates also are available, which allow you to individualize your plates with a special message. See the back of this brochure for personalized and vanity plate fees.

If you need further information, please contact my office's Non-Standard Plate Section at (217) 785-1697. I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial "J".

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State

Vanity and Personalized Antique License Plates

Vanity and personalized license plates are available for your antique vehicle. A description and fees for each follow:

Vanity Plates

Definition: Plates with 1, 2 or 3 numbers only **or** 3-7 letters only.

Antique Vehicle: Numbers 1-999 **or** 3-7 letters only.

Antique Motorcycle: Numbers 1-999 **or** 3-5 letters only.

Fees: The initial vanity plate fee is \$94 for antique vehicles and \$50 for antique motorcycles. These fees are in addition to the standard registration fee. A \$13 vanity plate fee is required upon renewal.

Personalized Plates

Definition: Plates with **both** numbers and letters.

Antique Vehicle: Numbers 1-999 **and** 3 letters; Numbers 1-99 **and** 4 letters; **or** Numbers 1-9 **and** 5 letters.

Antique Motorcycle: Numbers 1-99 **and** 3 letters **or** Numbers 1-9 **and** 4 letters.

Fees: For antique vehicles currently registered with antique plates, the initial personalized fee is \$14. For antique motorcycles the fee is \$11. There is no personalized plate fee upon renewal.

For newly acquired vehicles, only the antique license plate registration fee is required. An additional \$65 fee is required for a title.

Answers To Y

Q. How old must a vehicle be to qualify for antique plates?

A. Motor vehicles, including motorcycles or bona fide replicas, must be **more than 25 years old**. Firefighting vehicles must be at least 20 years old.

Q. What is the difference between a bona fide replica and a facsimile?

A. A bona fide replica is an **exact** copy of the original in design, frame and mechanical operation. A facsimile is a close, but not exact, reproduction of the original; some contemporary parts are used. **Facsimiles do not qualify for antique plates.**

Q. What restrictions are placed on vehicles displaying antique plates?

A. 1) The vehicles may be driven **only** to and from an antique auto show or exhibition, service station or demonstration.

2) The mechanical and physical condition of the vehicles, including brakes, lights, glass and appearance, must be the same or as safe as originally equipped.

Q. What is the registration period for antique plates?

A. Plates are issued for a five-year registration period, expiring Dec. 31, 2004.

Q. What documents are needed when applying for antique plates?

A. 1) Verification of use and condition of the antique vehicle.

2) Application for title and/or registration with applicable fee and current ID card or assigned title.

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If the vehicle is already titled in your name, send a copy of the title, not the original. If a title is not available, contact the Title Section to inquire about obtaining a title.

Q. May I display historical license plates on my antique vehicle?

A. Yes. Historical plates representing the model year of the vehicle may be displayed, provided the owner has valid, current antique license plates. The plates and registration card must be kept in the vehicle at all times.

Q. How many sets of antique plates may I apply for?

A. One set for each eligible antique vehicle.

Q. May I obtain antique plates if I have a vehicle currently registered with other license plates?

A. Yes. Use the date that your application was submitted to the Secretary of State to determine the fee (see back).

Q. May I obtain antique plates if I have a vehicle that was previously registered in another state?

A. Yes. Use the date that your application for title and registration was submitted to the Secretary of State to determine the fee (see back).

Q. May I obtain antique plates if I have recently purchased a vehicle?

A. Yes. Use the date of purchase to determine the fee (see back).

Antique Vehicle Registration Fees

Vehicle registered during:	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Fee:	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6

NOTE: The fee for an Illinois title is not included in the above fees.

Applications

To obtain an antique vehicle verification form and the appropriate license plate application, visit your local Secretary of State Driver Services facility, or contact:

**Secretary of State
Non-Standard Plates Section
501 S. Second St., Room 541
Springfield, IL 62756
(217) 785-1697**

Mandatory Vehicle Insurance

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must have liability insurance that covers property damage and/or injuries you may cause others in an accident.

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